

TABLE 2.5

Example Scenarios of Hate Crimes

The following scenarios offer guidance on how to report hate crime. Based on the facts available, explanations after each scenario provide, as applicable, the known offense(s) and the bias type(s) that law enforcement would report. The number of victims has been added to some of the incidents for clarification.

SCENARIO	OFFENSES	REPORTING
An African-American man had just finished a midnight riverboat cruise with his fiancée and friends and was escorting his blind, male friend by the arm into a restroom while holding his girlfriend's purse. Inside the restroom, another man shouted anti-black and anti-gay insults at the men. The perpetrator followed them out of the restroom, continuing his verbal harassment. He then went to his car, retrieved a gun, returned to confront the men, and said, "Now what have you got to say?" The perpetrator fired the gun, killing one of the men.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murder (1 victim) • Aggravated Assault (1 victim) 	This incident should be reported with an Anti-Black African-American Racial Bias and Anti-Gay (Male) Sexual Orientation Bias because the perpetrator used exclusively anti-black and anti-gay slurs and also acted out on his mistaken perception that the victim was gay.
An assailant ran by a Sikh pedestrian, shoved him to the ground, forcibly pulled his Dastaar (Sikh turban), and said, "Take that thing off your head—we don't want your kind in this neighborhood!" In the process of the attack, the victim suffered a concussion. When law enforcement responded to the scene, a witness to the attack recognized the offender as a clerk at a local convenience store near a predominantly Sikh community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggravated Assault 	This incident should be reported with an Anti-Sikh Religious Bias because the evidence indicates that the victim was targeted due to his Dastaar and the assailant's ongoing dealings with the Sikh community.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Uniform Crime Reporting Program. (2015). *Hate crime data collection guidelines and training manual*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, pp. 27 & 25.